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Publisher's Announcement

With this issue the Saturday News introduces itself to the newspaper-reading public of Edmonton and Alberta. The work of organizing a new publication is necessarily very heavy and it has been found impossible this week to attain to anything like the high standard, which it is hoped to reach in a short while. But this initial number should give some idea of the kind of paper which will be turned out from week to week. It will be distributed widely throughout the city and district in the form of sample copies both this week and next. Ample opportunity will thus be given to all to determine whether or not they would be glad to have it a regular visitor to their homes. A business and editorial office has been opened in Room 7, Sandison Block, Jasper avenue, where subscriptions will be received or to which they may be forwarded by mail.

The Saturday News has purchased the good-will of Town Topics, which from this on ceases publication. A copy of the handsome Christmas number of Town Topics will be given to every paid-up subscriber free of charge. Some misunderstanding has, it seems, arisen regarding the relations of the new paper to the Edmonton Printing and Publishing Company. That company will continue its flourishing job business at the old stand, having only disposed of Town Topics.

The publisher launches this journalistic venture in the belief that the capital city of such a province as Alberta and a city, which today is attracting the attention of the whole continent, can stand something fairly good in the way of a newspaper. The daily field is occupied at present to quite as large an extent as conditions justify and it is not proposed, just now, to enter it. But there are a large number of ways in which a newspaper, published but once a week, can render the public good service. There are hosts of problems, which this city and province will have to face in the next few years, which such a journal, if well conducted, should have exceptional opportunities to help in solving. Those in charge of it have more leisure than falls to the lot of those engaged in the rush of daily journalism and are thus able to give more time to the work of investigation. Comment on all matters pertaining to the public interest will therefore be made a prominent feature. The paper will have the cause of no party to advance. It will be absolutely a free-lance and do all that lies in its power to help its readers form their opinions purely on the merits of the different questions that come before them.

It will have in its employ a competent staff and will devote particular attention to social, athletic and commercial news. Next week it hopes to publish for the first

time in Edmonton a column devoted particularly to the interests of women, but which, we venture to say will serve to no small extent to interest those for whom it is not primarily intended. The editor of this column will be a woman journalist of long and excellent experience, one of the charter members of the Women's Press Association of Canada.

We do not believe that in order to be bright, it is necessary to be vulgar. There are other weekly newspapers of a special character in Western Canada that have been pointed to us as examples which we should try to emulate, if we want to succeed in gaining a foothold but it is not our intention to try to rival them in their particular field. In the first place, this is a business venture. It hopes to be of benefit to the public but it is not being established for any philanthropic purpose and from a business standpoint a newspaper which a man is ashamed to take into his home is absolutely useless. We know that the people of Alberta are not anxious to have a score or so heavy, dry-as-dust articles thrown at them each week. But we don't think that they will object to a paper, which endeavors to maintain a character for respectability. If a person doesn't care for this, it is easy enough to be spiey.

But performances are always paid more attention to than promises and it is on the strength of the former that the Saturday News hopes to win for itself a place in the regard of its readers. It will always try to do its duty by them in every way and it is confident that it will receive a large measure of appreciation in return. To each and all of them it wishes a Merry Christmas and trusts that the New Year on the verge of which they stand will be the happier as a result of the journalistic acquaintanceship which they are forming in the closing days of the old.

Hon. Frank Oliver, M. P., was a guest at the Alberta from Saturday to Thursday.

J. E. Laurence, who up till ten days ago was one of the proprietors of the Windsor Hotel, has gone to Montreal on a visit.

Chief Justice Sifton concluded his prolonged visit to Edmonton on Wednesday, returning to his home in Calgary by the morning train.

T. M. Turnbull, manager of the Edmonton branch of the Bank of Commerce, returned from his three months' leave of absence last week much improved in health as a result. D. McGillivray, who has been taking Mr. Turnbull's place, has gone back to his own post, the managership at Windsor, Ontario. Mr. McGillivray made many friends in both a business and personal way during his stay here. Mr. Brown, the accountant at the bank, left for a holiday in the east on Sunday night. He will spend most of the time at his home in Paris and in Toronto.



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Fruit Affected

A Pest Discovered in the Oranges Coming From Japan

Oranges from Japan are very largely consumed in Edmonton. The man from down east on his arrival is particularly taken with the luscious little tangerine, a fruit which one has to come out here to become acquainted with to any extent. The news that there is likely to be a scarcity of the product of the Japanese groves will thus excite not a little interest. The provincial fruit inspector at Vancouver has been making investigation and has discovered that the oranges from the Orient are suffering from a pest.

The presence of the scale excites additional alarm from the enormous reproductive power it possesses, which can be plainly seen in the specimens mounted for the microscope. This reproductiveness is only surpassed by the destructive appides. In a favorable condition of temperature a pair of these insects will produce fourteen of their species in two days. In some cases one every forty minutes is born.

And they are all alive and kicking. A group seen by a representative of the Vancouver Province showed the activity of these unwelcome little strangers, the waving of their tentacles being plainly seen. And the infants of to-day are the grandparents of to-morrow. Two parent insects under favorable condition, can produce, it is said by experts, a billion and a half of these scale insects in a year.

The specimens under inspection were taken from a warehouse where they had been in a temperature of forty degrees.

Several hundred boxes have been condemned and burned at Victoria.

Throughout The West

A new hotel to cost \$40,000 is being projected at Battleford.

The C. P. R. has this year erected buildings in Calgary of the value of \$64,500.

O. Duhamel, Massey-Harris agent at St. Amos, Man., was robbed of \$200 while asleep in a hotel.

As a conclusion to a prolonged spree Frank Davis took a fatal dose of carbolic acid in Calgary on Wednesday night.

The latest returns from Saskatchewan give the government 15 seats and the opposition 10. Hon. J. H. Lamont carried Prince Albert city by 42 and the missing polls in Prince Albert district gave that seat to R. O. Tyler, liberal.

Harry Greene, one of Moose Jaw's prominent men, died at his residence Friday night aged 38 years. Mr. Greene has long been identified with the interests of Moose Jaw, being a member of the firm of Greene and Good, implement agents.

The steamer Neepawah, the last freight steamer to clear for the head of the lakes, pulled out of the river at Fort William Saturday for the east, light. This is the latest date on which a steamer has left from the head of the lakes. The management of the line operating the Neepawah were anxious to get the boat to the east where she can

be dry docked and necessary repairs made. For the last three seasons the steamer has wintered at the head of the lakes, and has not been in dry dock.

Three separate attempts have been made within the past fortnight to wreck trains on the E. & N. (Vancouver Island) division of the C. P. R. in the vicinity of Nanaimo, and the regular police of the Coal city are being reinforced by company detectives in an endeavor to identify and capture the would-be wreckers. It is just possible that the disastrous freight wreck near Victoria a month or so ago was also caused by the same malicious miscreants who are now operating at Nanaimo; while the derailment of a locomotive at the Victoria pottery a fortnight later may be charged to the same cause.

Eastern Canada.

Tracey Waddell, aged 17 years, son of John Waddell, a grain dealer of Chatlam, broke through the ice on the river Thames while skating, and was drowned.

Archbishop Bond, of Montreal, was seized with a fainting fit in the pulpit of St. James the Apostle Sunday morning, shortly after he started to preach. His grace was forced to retire. After a short rest he was able to leave the church and was driven to Bishop's court. He has improved greatly and will probably be all right in a day or two.

As a result of terrible exposure while lying helpless in the snow for over four days near Killarney, Henry Beck had both his legs so badly frozen that they were amputated just below the knee at the general and marine hospital in Owen Sound. He was an Englishman and fell behind his party while walking out from a lumber camp.

W. A. McCutcheon, of Galt, who was engaged to sing at a concert in St. Thomas, left the home of his brother, Principal McCutcheon and started for the opera house, but finding he had forgotten some music turned back. He found the house locked and entering a cellar window, was groping around in the dark, when he ran into the arms of a burglar. They stumbled and fell, but the stranger was up first, and dashed through the window taking part of the sash with him.

Mr. C. Daws who was seriously ill at Spruce Grove is now fully recovered and is living in Edmonton.

Mr. T. Palmer of this city, left yesterday for his home in Victoria, B. C., where he intends to spend Christmas.

The general strike was inaugurated in Russia at noon on Thursday. The trains on six railroads were left standing at the stations where they happened to be at that hour. One train was fired upon and several passengers were wounded.

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Here and There

"The Lounger" in making his bow to the readers of The Saturday News desires to say a few words in justification of himself. He has been given a roving commission by the editor. He has been instructed to continue to pursue an avocation which he has been following for an indefinite period, the character of which is indicated by the pen-name that is attached to this column. For many years back he has been constantly told by those who profess to know that his occupation was anything but a desirable one. Now along comes a newspaper man and represents to him that it will be to his advantage to continue to follow this mode of life. Such is the pass to which modern journalism has come. The only instructions that I have received are to the effect that I am not to be too serious, which means, I suppose that I am to try to be a humorist for the larger part of the time. The writer of the supposedly humorous columns in the newspapers of today bear a similar relation to the great King Democracy that the court jester did to the mediaeval sovereign. Like Touchstone they get off a real joke about once in twenty tries, but such is the public's demand for that sort of thing that it is willing to wade through columns of twaddle for the sake of coming across something that has a semblance of wit once in a while. If then you lose your patience with the writer sometimes and apply the fourth and sixth letters of the alphabet to him, don't blame him. Blame the publisher, who will, of course throw the responsibility back on the general reading public and say that he would sooner provide you with learned articles on the tariff and the school question but you yourselves want to be amused rather than instructed and that he is trying to meet your wishes. However, even at the risk of giving offence to my employer I hope to make an observation now and then which a man of sense can appreciate. I should be very glad to hear from any readers at any time regarding any subject of public interest.

My dear friend, Bob Edwards of the Calgary Byeopener, of whom you have been reading quite a bit in the papers this week, recently said some very uncomplimentary things about farmers. Perhaps he will wish he hadn't if there are any farmers on the jury when the criminal libel charge comes up for trial, but the fact remains that he did, and that there were a large number of people who were not farmers who disagreed with him entirely. The average western farmer is to my mind as bright and intelligent man as one would want to meet. There were a number of agriculturalists appeared before the Tariff Commission here the other day and a better lot of men you couldn't wish to find. Mr Fletcher of Ellerslie, did much to give life to the gathering. His plea for cheap lumber was a striking bit of argument. "We're just plain spoken men," he said, "who wish to place our case before you clearly. There are no orators in our association." "Oh yes, there are" interjected Mr Fielding. His picture of life in a shack with a straw roof was very apt. "It can be made pretty comfortable in the winter" he remarked, "but wait till the spring if you want to see what life there really means. Along comes a heavy rain and it rains one day outside

then three or four inside." He appealed to the commissioners not only as farmer but as a bachelor. It was all right for those who had fooled women in the east into coming out to them, but he had found it impossible to persuade any woman to come out to him until he could show her that he could provide a house for her that looked a little better than a hog-pen. Another vigorous and witty speaker was Mr Lang of Strathcona. "I wish you all success in your travels," he told the commissioners, "for I can see that you are up against a hard thing in trying to please everyone that comes before you." The ministers evidently appreciated the sympathy. Altogether one came away from the gathering with the opinion that the Alberta farmer could hold his own with anybody.

Why is it that young ladies and gentlemen who are fond of one another insist on going to concerts and carrying on their conversation while others are trying to hear the music? Is it that papa and mamma will not allow them suitable opportunity to learn each others' thoughts as they sit in the drawing-room at home. The complaint is an old one but I never quite realized how well justified it was till the Watkin Mills concert the other night, when a fortunate and happy young couple made those around them most unhappy by insisting on interjecting remarks about what this and that one was to get for Christmas all the while M. Parlovitz was giving his splendid rendition of Liszt's Fourth Rhapsody. At least a score of people turned around and scowled at them, but of course they were quite oblivious. When we get our new opera house could not some arrangement be made for a sitting out place for those whose bliss is so complete that it results in misery to others.

Who works harder than a travelling pianist? M. Parlovitz, even if he does belong to the Musicians' Union, would surely not object to being put on piece-work.

A stranger on being shown the fine new Maternity Hospital being erected near St. Joachim's church made the remark the other day that judging from its size the good people who were having it erected did not look for any complaints regarding race suicide in Edmonton for some years. It is a fact, and a most welcome one, that a fine healthy home life has sprung up in this flourishing city and that Mr Roosevelt would be proud to visit us.

Each week almost brings a new lawyer from the east to Edmonton. Some stay but the majority noting how well occupied the field already is, pass on, either to the smaller towns or back east again. The number now in practice here is considerably over thirty. It is altogether too difficult a matter to keep track of the exact number. Ontario towns have been notoriously overcrowded with members of the profession for a long while back, and the opening up of the Northwest has been a godsend, but it looks as if even here the supply will soon altogether exceed the demand. Lawyers as a class have long been the subject of unkind remarks, the general idea being that they are paid at too high a rate for their services, although recently they

have been deprived of their pre-eminence in this respect by the plumbers. Lord Halsbury who retired this last week from the Lord Chancellorship of England, used to be described when on the South Wales circuit as a Welshman by extraction, on account of the huge fees which he drew. When Sir Richard Webster, now Lord Alverstone, was counsel in a suit for the Dean and Chapter of Bristol, he asked for and was paid a very large fee. The anthem sung in the cathedral when he came to attend service after the hearing of the case was "How dear Thy counsels be." Yet despite all this, a good lawyer's services are not to be despised. The work which they do is usually cheap at the price, as many a man who has attempted to put through business deals without their help has found to his cost.

Speaking of the timeliness of the anthem with which Sir Richard was greeted, reminds me of a story which used to be told of W. G. Grace, when just rising to fame as a cricketer. On going to play at one of the big schools, he made a public boast of how he was going to knock the bowlers out of the lot. As it happened, he succumbed in the first over. That evening after the match the visitors attended evening chapel, where the first hymn given out ran thus:

"The scanty triumph Grace has won,

"The broken vow, the frequent fall."

This was almost as good as that other recorded incident in which the young minister who had been sued for breach of promise, gave out as a hymn the next Sunday, "O love, that will not let me go."

A traveller for a hardware firm who visited Edmonton last week showed me a letter which his firm had received after a trip which he made to Quebec province. The letter which came from a country merchant there read as follows:

Dear Sirs—I receive de stove which I by from you alrite but for why don't you send me no feet. Wat is de use of de stove when he don't have no feet. I am lose to many customer sure thing by no having de feet and dats no very pleasure for me. What is de matter wid you. Is not my trade money's so good like anoder man's. You lose me my trade I am very anger for that and now I tell you that you are a dam fools and no good. I send you back at once your stove tomorrow for sure because you are such a dam foolishness peoples.

Yours Respectfullee

P. S.—Since I write you this letter I find de feet in de oven. Excuse to me.

A story is being told of a politician, well-known in the west, who, when the question of the establishment of the new provinces first came up, was asked what he thought of the autonomy bill. He is said to have replied that though not entirely familiar with it, he thought it ought to be looked into and, if properly contracted, paid immediately. In justice to the gentleman with whose name the story is now connected, it should be said that it is one that was told of "Sockless" Jerry Simpson, who went to congress from a western state about the time of the introduction of the McKinley bill, in regard to which measure he made the remark in question.

There were four Knights of the road who had gathered together in a Jasper Avenue place of public entertainment. They were talking about mean men, when the man from Winnipeg remarked:

"I can't help thinking of a man down in my town who is so mean that he makes the members of his house write small hands to save the ink."

"A friend of my father's, sir," said the Montrealeur "stopped the clocks at night, because of the wear and tear on the works."

"Well," said the third man, who hailed from Toronto "there's a man over the Don who won't read the papers because it wears out his glasses."

The fourth member of the party was from Edmonton. He merely smiled and rang for the waiter to take the orders.

THE LOUNGER.

The Old Timers.

Retiring President's reference to two who have passed the Great Divide.

The Old Timers of Edmonton had their Annual Meeting on Friday evening. The members are taking a most active interest in the organization, and it is expected that many a pleasant gathering will take place in the immediate and more distant future. The success of the Old Timers' Supper and the Old Timers' Ball last season was such as to encourage the officers to arrange similar diversions for the coming months. The following are two extracts from the address of the retiring president, James MacDonald:

"The Old Timer has shown on all occasions that he is thoroughly up to date, able to institute, organize and run any or all parts of the complex machinery of our modern political, industrial and commercial life, as witness our Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Bullyea, and Frank, 'Our Frank,' rise from his little log store and 7x9 Bulletin to the proud position of Minister of the Interior in our Federal Government."

"During the year our membership has been reduced by two. Our late secretary-treasurer Thos. Hourston, and Charles Sandison have crossed the 'Great Divide.' Tom was a genuine Old Timer, genial, fun-loving, warm-hearted, open-handed, keeping abreast of the times, always doing the duty that lay nearest to his hand. Charlie was also a successful man, with the push and untiring energy of the pioneer."

The following officers were chosen:—

President, Geo. Roy.

First Vice-President, Malcolm Groat.

Second Vice-President, H. B. Round.

Vice-President for Victoria District, E. Brosseau.

Vice-President for St. Albert District, George Gagnon.

Vice-President for Strathcona, John Walters.

Vice-President for Sturgeon, H. Lambert.

Executive Committee—W. McKay, J. A. McLeod, J. E. Kelly, P. J. Belcher, H. Goodridge, Geo. Sandison, and S. J. Fairbanks.

Secretary-Treasurer, W. G. Ibbotson.

About Town

H. G. Doyle of Woodstock, Ont., who was in Edmonton a couple of months ago, proposes to come out again early in the new year and establish a greenhouse.

Frequent talk is heard on the streets regarding a Board of Trade excursion to Winnipeg over the C.N.R., but nothing has been arranged as yet.

The machinery of the new mill near the C.N.R. station is being rapidly placed in position.

The Hutton property, Strathcona, has been cut up for residential lots which are selling freely.

W. Muir, who is staying at the Grand view hotel, met with a slight accident, falling down some steps and spraining his arm.

There, she had one of her hands badly frost-bitten. When help arrived, Mrs. Hughes had succeeded in rescuing most of the furniture. The roof was completely burned but the walls of the house were saved.

J. Robert of the Windsor Livery has gone on a trip to the States, and will bring back a car-load of horses.

An addition, to cost \$1,400, is being made to the Masonic Building.

The death took place on Friday, from appendicitis, of B. W. Hunt, who came to the city from the Yukon but a few months ago. He was sixty years of age. Two sons are employed at Ross Bros., and Mrs. Adams of this city is a daughter.

Joe Hastyn of the Edmonton hotel, accompanied by nine of his countrymen, has gone to Belgium to spend the winter season. Doubtless the stories which they tell of life in the Great Canadian West will be the means of bringing about a large emigration from Belgium during the coming year.

Wm. Bowden, employed by the Mays' Coal Co., had his back badly bruised by the toppling over of his wagon Monday. He is in the public hospital.

L. Dubuc, the newly-elected member for Peace River, was entertained by his friends on Monday evening at the Hotel Richilien.

The people of High River are counting on the election of their representative, R. A. Wallace, M.P.P., as the first speaker of the Alberta legislature.

A dispatch from London announces that the Hudson's Bay Co. has declared an interim dividend of ten shillings per share.

The cement elevator built by the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, at Strathcona, is practically completed. The elevator has a capacity of 100,000 bushels, and is capable of discharging 20,000 bushels per hour into the mill.

Secretary Fisher of the Board of Trade has received word from John Tait, superintendent of C.P.R. telegraphs, that in response to the requests made by the business men of Edmonton, the local C.P.R. telegraph office will be kept open in the future until ten o'clock, instead of closing at eight, as formerly. The change will be much appreciated.

During his recent visit to Edmonton, in connection with the establishment in this city of a branch of the Hochelaga Bank, Hon. Senator J. D. Rolland met a gathering of French-Canadians at the Richilien. He proposed the

establishment of a colonization society, the object of which would be to look after incoming settlers and direct them to the best lands. Father Ethier of Morinville, and Messrs. Boileau and W. Gariepy also spoke in favor of the proposal. A committee comprised of the following was appointed:—J. H. Gariepy, Dr. Roy, P. E. Lessard, W. Gariepy, M. Boileau, Delbois Thibeau and O. Tessier.

It takes a cold day to stop those who are engaged in building operations in Edmonton at present. When necessary, a fire is kept to thaw out the mortar. Next year should be a great one for the local building trade.

Word has been received in the city of the death, in Vancouver, recently of Dr. A. L. Jukes, a veteran medical man, who was well-known all through this country. From 1882 to 1894 he was senior surgeon of the Mounted Police, and it was his evidence which was most effective in disposing of the plea of insanity preferred by the counsel for Louis Riel. Among his daughters is the wife of Inspector Sanders, of the R.N.W.M.P., and the wife of ex-Superintendent Moffatt. He was born 84 years ago in the Government House at Bombay.

May and Sharpe have received a contract from the C. N. R. which calls for speedy completion. Inside of two weeks they are to have a freight shed, 150x40, built to the west of the depot.

Frazer Brothers, elevator builders, have commenced operations in their new feed and flour mill, Strathcona. They have a gasoline engine of about 15-h.p.

A question which has been often discussed in the western cities was one of the issues of the campaign in Winnipeg last week. Some years ago there existed in the Manitoba capital a district to which what is ordinarily known as the social vice was for the most part confined. "The so-called social evil" an Albertan contemporary, that is more concerned about making its columns breezy than about anything else, calls it. Under the present mayor this was broken up and today these social outcasts are spread about throughout the city. Residents of many other neighborhoods have complained loudly. Those interested in real estate say that it has had the effect of depreciating certain property to a very large extent.

An ex-mayor, Mr. Arbuthnot, lent his ear to these complaints and took the field against Mayor Sharpe. The subject of segregation of vice was forced into a prominent place in the campaign. Doubtless there were other considerations which had an effect on the result. But Mr. Arbuthnot's defeat by a majority of over a thousand undoubtedly shows that Mayor Sharpe's policy has the approval of the mass of citizens and there is little likelihood of a further movement for the reestablishment of Thomas street. In Vancouver also the subject is agitating the people and will doubtless be taken up in time in other municipalities where the system condemned in Winnipeg has been in force for some years.

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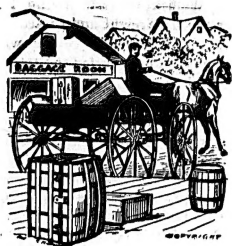
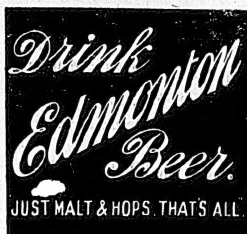
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Amid all the activity on the part of other railways, the C. P. R. has not been idle and this week a number of important announcements have been made by the management. It expects to have a service between St. Paul and Spokane installed by next fall. The line of route from St. Paul will be via the Soo line to connect with the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Moose Jaw and thence west over the Crow's Nest Pass branch to Yahk, about nine miles from the American boundary, whence a line is now under construction directly south to Spokane, a distance of approximately 150 miles. The nine miles of C. P. R. track between Yahk and the boundary is already completed, says Mr. Jamieson, but there remains to be completed a portion of the line between the boundary and Spokane, when the service will be installed. This portion of the line is being constructed by D. C. Corbin, an American railway builder, who is now getting considerable of his supplies via the C. P. R. over the nine miles of track between Yahk and the boundary.

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It was an important task which the late Sir Oliver Mowat assigned to his son-in-law, Mr. Biggar, when shortly before his death he asked him to be his biographer. For forty-five years the subject of the volumes which have recently been issued in Toronto occupied a foremost place in the public life of his native province and of the country at large. The career which Mr. Biggar had to sketch was a great one in the best sense of that much-abused word. In the making of the Dominion it has been given to few to play more influential or more useful parts. To the people of Edmonton a personal as well as a public interest attaches to this story of Sir Oliver's life. One of his sons is now a citizen of Edmonton; a grandson, bearing his grandfather's name, is a leading lawyer; while the writer of the biography himself performed an important service for the municipality in connection with the preparation of the charter under which we are now conducting our civic affairs.

Sir Oliver came of a stock from which has sprung many of the Empire's most devoted and most gifted sons. His father was John Mowat, a member of an old family of Caithness, Scotland, who ran away from home and fought under Wellington and Moore in the Peninsular campaign. While stationed in Canada, his time expired and he settled at Kingston, where Oliver was born in 1820. Here in course of time he began the study of law in the office of no less a personage than John A. Macdonald. A fellow student in the office was Alexander Campbell, afterwards a prominent colleague at Ottawa of Sir John's. He worked at a tremendous rate both before and after being called to the bar. His letters show that he was in the habit of getting to work at half-past six in the morning and that most of his evenings were given over to professional tasks. By 1856 he was the recognized leader of the Chancery Bar. In December of that year he entered public life as an alderman. Many another public man of prominence has started in that school, Joseph Chamberlain being an illustrious example. That the experience obtained at the council board proves of very great value in wider fields cannot be gainsaid. George Brown was at that time raising the cry of "Rep. by Pop." The services of so able a lieutenant as Mr. Mowat were sure to be

greatly desired by the Liberal leaders, with whom he had thrown in his lot, though brought up amid strongly Conservative surroundings. His course, as he shows in a most readable letter to Sir Alexander Campbell, was dictated altogether by his convictions. In January 1858 he was returned for South Ontario. His letter to the electors is worthy of particular attention. The closing sentence reads:

"I may say generally, that, if elected, my desire is to perform my duty in parliament in the spirit and with the views which become a Christian politician."

The phrase "Christian politician" was from that time on often applied to him, by many of his opponents with scorn. But who, after studying his career on all its sides, can at this date challenge the sincerity of the man who used it?

We get many glimpses of the excitement which in those days of frequent deadlock characterized political proceedings. The assembly once passed a bill, giving £1,000 a year to the speaker of that House, and only half that sum to the Legislative Council. The latter amended it to make the salaries the same. When it came back to the assembly the members of the lower body literally kicked the bill down the stairs and finally the upper House had to consent to it. When the indemnity bill passed the parliament at Ottawa last session, some of the members of the House of Commons excused the raise of the Senators' pay on the ground that the Upper Chamber would not have passed the bill if they had not shared in the so-called "salary grab." Evidently the Commoners of today were not prepared for as strenuous measures as were their predecessors of the middle of last century.

Once in 1860 Mr. Mowat so taunted the Hon. John A., that the latter crossed the floor and threatened to "slap his chops." He did not do so, however. The mild chancery lawyer could evidently say what he thought in fairly vigorous language, when he so desired.

For a few days in 1858 Mr. Mowat was provincial secretary under Mr. Brown but the famous "double-shuffle" executed by Macdonald and Cartier soon deprived him of office. In 1863 he, however, became postmaster general under John Sandfield Macdonald, holding office for ten months. In September of that year he took an important part in the Quebec conference at which the Confederation resolutions were passed. Among the suggestions which show his wisdom, was one that the Senate should be made elective. He, however, failed to convince his colleagues.

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*Sir Oliver Mowat, a Biographical Sketch
by C. R. W. Biggar, Published
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It was an important task which the late Sir Oliver Mowat assigned to his son-in-law, Mr. Biggar, when shortly before his death he asked him to be his biographer. For forty-five years the subject of the volumes which have recently been issued in Toronto occupied a foremost place in the public life of his native province and of the country at large. The career which Mr. Biggar had to sketch was a great one in the best sense of that much-abused word. In the making of the Dominion it has been given to few to play more influential or more useful parts. To the people of Edmonton a personal as well as a public interest attaches to this story of Sir Oliver's life. One of his sons is now a citizen of Edmonton; a grandson, bearing his grandfather's name, is a leading lawyer; while the writer of the biography himself performed an important service for the municipality in connection with the preparation of the charter under which we are now conducting our civic affairs.

Sir Oliver came of a stock from which has sprung many of the Empire's most devoted and most gifted sons. His father was John Mowat, a member of an old family of Calthness, Scotland, who ran away from home and fought under Wellington and Moore in the Peninsular campaign. While stationed in Canada, his time expired and he settled at Kingston, where Oliver was born in 1820. Here in course of time he began the study of law in the office of no less a personage than John A. Macdonald. A fellow student in the office was Alexander Campbell, afterwards a prominent colleague at Ottawa of Sir John's. He worked at a tremendous rate both before and after being called to the bar. His letters show that he was "in the habit of getting to work at half-past six in the morning and that most of his evenings were given over to professional tasks. By 1850 he was the recognized leader of the Chancery Bar. In December of that year he entered public life as an alderman. Many another public man of prominence has started in that school, Joseph Chamberlain being an illustrious example. That the experience obtained at the council board proves of very great value in wider fields cannot be gainsaid. George Brown was at that time raising the cry of "Rep. by Pop." The services of so able a lieutenant as Mr. Mowat were sure to be

greatly desired by the Liberal leaders, with whom he had thrown in his lot, though brought up amid strongly Conservative surroundings. His course, as he shows in a most readable letter to Sir Alexander Campbell, was dictated altogether by his convictions. In January 1858 he was returned for South Ontario. His letter to the electors is worthy of particular attention. The closing sentence reads:

"I may say generally, that, if elected, my desire is to perform my duty in parliament in the spirit and with the views which become a Christian politician."

The phrase "Christian politician" was from that time on often applied to him, by many of his opponents with scorn. But who, after studying his career on all its sides, can at this date challenge the sincerity of the man who used it?

We get many glimpses of the excitement which in those days of frequent deadlock characterized political proceedings. The assembly once passed a bill, giving £1,000 a year to the speaker of that House, and only half that sum to the Legislative Council. The latter amended it to make the salaries the same. When it came back to the assembly the members of the lower body literally kicked the bill down the stairs and finally the upper House had to consent to it. When the indemnity bill passed the parliament at Ottawa last session, some of the members of the House of Commons excused the raise of the Senators' pay on the ground that the Upper Chamber would not have passed the bill if they had not shared in the so-called "salary grab." Evidently the Commoners of today were not prepared for as strenuous measures as were their predecessors of the middle of last century.

Once in 1860 Mr. Mowat so taunted the Hon. John A., that the latter crossed the floor and threatened to "slap his chops." He did not do so, however. The mild chancery lawyer could evidently say what he thought in fairly vigorous language, when he so desired.

For a few days in 1858 Mr. Mowat was provincial secretary under Mr. Brown but the famous "double-shuffle" executed by Macdonald and Cartier soon deprived him of office. In 1863 he, however, became postmaster general under John Sandfield Macdonald, holding office for ten months. In September of that year he took an important part in the Quebec conference at which the Confederation resolutions were passed. Among the suggestions which show his wisdom, was one that the Senate should be made elective. He, however, failed to convince his colleagues.

From November 1864 to October 1872 he was on the Bench. When he accepted the Vice-Chancellorship, it was supposed that he was done with politics. The work of a

judge was most congenial to him and a long and notable career in that field was expected from him. The circumstances of his call back to the political arena are entered into quite fully by Mr. Biggar. Mr. Blake, shortly after assuming the provincial premiership, felt called upon to leave it by the party necessities of the moment at Ottawa. It was represented to Mr. Mowat that it was in the public interest for him to accept the post. Once convinced that this was the case, he did not hesitate about making the sacrifice, which acceptance undoubtedly involved. He was elected for North Oxford and in January 1873 met the first legislature under his leadership.

The story of that wonderfully successful premiership is told in detail by Mr. Biggar. Here he did his great constructive work. The chapters dealing with the struggle over the Dominion and provincial powers are particularly valuable. The boundary award controversy marked a most important epoch in Canadian history. From July to November 1883, it was feared that bloodshed might result at Rat Portage, which was within the territory being contended for. Elections for both Ontario and Manitoba took place in the same districts and at one stage it was considered necessary to call out the Winnipeg Field Battery. The final issue was, as is well known, a great triumph for Mr. Mowat. It was made the occasion of a most enthusiastic reception, which was accorded him in Toronto in Sept. 1884. On his return from the proceedings before the Privy Council.

Of the great influence which he exerted in counteracting the annexation movement in the early nineties there can be no doubt. Many consider this his most distinguished public service.

Of particular value, in view of subsequent developments, is the chapter dealing with his pledges to the prohibitionists. No one reading it can have any doubt about the fact that his successors broke faith with those to whom these promises were made.

That he contributed materially to the Liberal victory in the Dominion in 1896 is evident, but when he retired to enter Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet, his work was practically done. For a year he was Minister of Justice and for five lieutenant governor of Ontario. But age and its disabilities had crept fast upon him.

To the student of Canadian institutions, Mr. Biggar's work will prove invaluable. To those who cherish political ambition it should serve as an inspiration, illustrating as it does the fact that the highest success in public life is to be attained by devotion to principle and unremitting toil. We have had men of showier qualities in our politics but none who have performed more genuine public service. His memory should be long cherished.

The New Deputy

**Mr. Cross' Visit to East Results
in Appointment of Sydney
B. Woods**

The visit of Hon. C. W. Cross, Attorney General of Alberta, to eastern Canada has resulted in the offer of the post of Deputy Attorney General to Mr. Sydney B. Woods of Toronto and its acceptance by him. Mr. Woods paid a visit to Edmonton a few months ago and made many friends here who will be glad to welcome him back as a fellow-citizen. He will have important work to do in his new capacity and those who know him are confident that he will fully justify his selection. There is considerable feeling that a member of the bar of Alberta should have been chosen for the post but if an outsider is to be brought in, there can be no doubt about the fitness of the choice which the government has made. Mr. Woods is an old newspaper man, having served for several years on the staff of the Toronto Mail and Empire and of the Toronto News, in the days of the old management. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and a scholarship man in the department of political service. He obtained his bachelor's degree in 1894, being a classmate of Mr. Cross', and was called to the bar three years later. Since entering upon practice, he has met with unvarying success and holds a high place among the members of the profession in the Ontario capital. The Mail and Empire pays the following tribute to Mr. Woods:

In the office of Deputy Attorney-General of Alberta Mr. Sydney B. Woods will find congenial work and plenty of it. Upon his department will fall the task of equipping the new province with an important part of the apparatus of government—such as a perfected municipal law, an assessment act, internal railway legislation, the shaping of legal procedure, and the forming of many institutions that enter into the organization of a province. For public service of this kind Mr. Woods' strong bent towards constitutional law and his ten years' practice at the bar of Ontario are an excellent preparation. From very bright prospects, in his profession he turns to an official career along which he is sure to make his way forward.

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The Week in Calgary

The City Settling Down After Excitement it has Recently Gone Through

(From our own correspondent)

Calgary, Nov. 21.—The city has had a quiet week of it after the excitement attending the civic elections and the arrest of the editor of the *Eyepencer* on a criminal libel charge, followed as it was by counter charges on his part. Mr. Bennett has left to spend the Christmas holidays at his old home in New Brunswick. After the strenuous time that he has put in for the past two or three months, he will be able to appreciate a few weeks in the sleepy little province down by the sea.

An active year in municipal affairs is looked for. Mayor Emerson's return to office by a majority of over two hundred shows that the citizens are prepared to support him in the business-like policy which he has pursued. Mr. Thompson, his opponent in the recent contest, suffered severely at the hands of his friends. For the benefit of those throughout Alberta who thought that the *Eyepencer* has any real influence in this city, it is worth while looking for a moment at the results of this election. It made the most violent attacks on Mr. Emerson, attacks which no self-respecting journal would make.

"Put your foot down on Jellyfish Emerson and squash it."

"Emerson is billed to expire on Monday of natural gastritis."

These are samples of the admonitions which it gave to the voters. They doubtless resulted in many votes for the mayor.

Then take its advice as to the aldermanic contest. "The names of the three" it said "whom we regard as more especially fitted for seats in the council are Dr. Arthur Hobbs, Aeneas McCormick and J. R. Stewart." The names of none of these gentlemen appear in the list of successful candidates. Judging from these results, it looks as if Hon. Mr. Cushing's majority would have gone up into the hundreds, if the *Eyepencer* hadn't made the most wonderful flop in the history of Canadian journalism a few weeks before the election.

The local newspapers are doing their best to make a public issue out of the fact that when an Associated Press correspondent came to be appointed for Calgary a member of one of their staffs was not appointed. Of course, it may be a very important matter for those who were looking for the job, but what interest have the mass of the citizens in the matter, so long as the work is well done. Let the man who has been appointed be judged by his work. Most persons fail to see that local newspaper men in general have shown any particular qualifications for that class of work. The general opinion seems to be that they would do better to devote themselves to trying to improve their own sheets rather than take up their time keeping the outside public informed. Of course, it is easy to understand why the writer of those famous despatches that appeared in the *Toronto World* and the *Toronto Telegram* about the elections of last month should feel himself exceptionally well qualified. But do the people of Calgary think he would be

altogether a safe man to look after their interests?

W. C. McKillican, B. S. A., representative of the seed branch of the Dominion department of agriculture for the province of Alberta and British Columbia, with headquarters at Calgary, has made arrangements with the agricultural societies of Lethbridge, Magrath, Innisfail, Olds, Red Deer and Fort Saskatchewan for seed fairs to be held in each of these towns some time in February. The Dominion department of agriculture provides judges and lecturers and also pays for advertising. The provincial department of agriculture pays two-thirds of the prize money. Farmers are taking a deep interest in these fairs, many realizing the advantage it will be in improving the quality of the seed grain offered for sale. One of the rules is that each competitor must have at least twenty bushels of similar seed for sale, otherwise he is not eligible to compete. Good prizes are being offered.

Much interest is being taken in the caves that have recently been discovered in the Congar Basin in British Columbia. There is said to be nothing like them in the whole world. Unlike the Mammoth caves of Kentucky and others of lesser renown, these Deutschman caves have a very marked and different formation, being constructed of marble by the force of water action. For centuries past underground streams have been carving out these immense caverns and channels until now they are unequalled in magnificence of grandeur and beauty in the entire world. Visitors from far and near are expected to flock to them soon.

It has been decided to build a new south ward school at a cost of \$70,000. The city is looking after the interests of its youth in a very thorough manner. With the Normal School located here, Calgary will be quite an educational centre.

Tomorrow night the local shareholders of the York County Loan Co. will meet in the city hall. A large number of citizens are interested and they are naturally much alarmed by the turn affairs have taken. For a long time it has been under suspicion. As a result of its methods of house to house canvass, those who will suffer, if things are as bad as it is said they are, are people on whom the loss of their savings will bear very heavily.

The many friends of Rev. G. W. Kerby, who are to be found among people of every denomination, will be genuinely glad to learn that he has decided not to accept the call recently extended to him from Ontario. He has done a great work here already and the citizens in general, and the members of his own church in particular, would be loath to part with him.

The Jewish people of Calgary are making an effort to arouse local interest in measures for the relief of the oppressed members of their race in Russia.

Regret was expressed in the city when the news came of the death in an explosion at Rossland of John S. Ingram, first chief of police of Calgary. He was a brother of Andrew Ingram, M. P. of St. Thomas.

The Caledonian Hall in Mason's Hall last Friday night was a great success. It was a genuinely Scotch affair, the grand march being led off by Piper Allan, who afterwards played several selections. D. Davidson distinguished himself by

his dancing of the sailor's hornpipe. Scotch songs and Strath speys and reels followed one another in rapid succession. There were about 150 present, all of whom were warm in their praise of the work done by the committee.

It is proposed to hold a big banquet for all the men of the congregation at Central Methodist Church on New Year's night.

In Their New Church

Queen's Avenue Presbyterianluns Start Work under Favorable Auspices

The people of Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church, which was opened to public worship on Sunday, have reason to be pleased with the splendid start which their work has been given. Last Sunday night it was impossible, after the hour of the opening of the service, to secure a seat in the building. The congregation were very fortunate in securing the services of so talented a preacher as the Rev. J. W. McMillan of Winnipeg, for the opening day. Mr. McMillan is one of the strong men of the church in the West and his sermons on Sunday, and his lecture on Monday night, made a powerful impression. Rev. T. T. Riekie, who has made many friends for himself while supplying for Rev. Dr. McQueen, is to have charge of the new congregation. The building committee which has now brought its work to such successful completion is composed of D. McLaurin, chairman and treasurer; W. E. Wilson, secretary; Cameron Anderson, architect, and R. T. Wilson. The music rendered by the choir on Sunday was particularly good, the anthem in the evening "The radiant morn," and the solos by Messrs Robertson and Low being particularly appreciated.

The World at Large

Three of the largest financial institutions in the West, the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank, and the Equitable Trust Company, all of them controlled by John R. Walsh, of Chicago, and in a great measure owned by him, suspended operations Monday. Their affairs will be liquidated as rapidly as possible and they will go out of business. The failure involves \$30,000,000. A panic on Wall street followed the news.

The Czar is sending his crown jewels abroad. Revolt is rapidly spreading to all parts of Russia. The region between Riga and Wenden is a wilderness. Buildings on all streets have been burned and plundered. Many Germans and their families are held prisoners by the insurgents.

While cleaning boilers in the Naval Steel works at Home Court, France, fourteen men were suffocated.

Word comes from Lake Alice of a fire which occurred there last week. An overhauled stove pipe set fire to the roof of the home of Mr. Hughes, who was away at the time. One of the children sent to a neighbor's for help. On her journey

Throughout The West

A Grand Trunk survey party is at present engaged in taking levels on an entrance into Brandon. The line surveyed will simply be preliminary to provide information to be used in connection with the proposed spur from the main line to the city.

The Cranbrook Herald says: "What is the matter with the Golden Star? For two weeks it has just appeared, and that is all. Some paper on the main line said last week the lack of life in The Star was due to the appearance of a baby in the editor's family. Lucky for the paper that there were not twins."

The Grand Trunk Pacific has been granted an extension of privileges in Port Arthur and Fort William. The road has been granted permission to run a track alongside the C. P. R. track from Port Arthur to Fort William away from the lake. It will cross the C. P. R. track and the Kaministiquia to the lake front at McKay's mountain on the Indian reserve. This indicates that the docks will be constructed at this point.

The Bank of Commerce is having erected portable bank buildings at Vermilion and Vegreville, Alta. Two were located last summer at Cobalt and at Melfort, from plans prepared by the bank's architects. The structures were made at Vancouver.

Louis Schoenhide was found dead in his bed on Friday at Navar, Saskatchewan. He was a farmer from Woodstock, Ont. The body was frozen stiff and the fact that his live stock was almost famished indicated that he had been dead quite four days and had died alone in his shanty. Heart disease is thought to have been the cause.

Mrs. John Baikwell, mother of Hon. Thomas Greenway of Crystal City, Man., died at her son's home on Saturday at the age of 90 years.

It is expected that the new C. N. R. bridge at Fort Saskatchewan, which is to have two decks, one for vehicles, will be completed by April 1st. It is 2150 feet long and 80 feet high. May and Sharpe are the contractors.

Saturday evening a ton of gelignite in the thawing house of Centre Star mine, Rossland, exploded and killed John Ingram, former chief of police and injured several scores of people. Many buildings in town were damaged and all plate glass windows on Columbia avenue were smashed.

A Christmas Service.

The Morning Service in McDougall Methodist Church on Sunday next will be a Sunday School Christmas Service. The scholars and teachers will occupy the centre pews of the church, and besides the choir music, there will be two carols by the school.

One of the features of the service will be a Christmas offering for the children of the Galician school, at Pagan, by the junior members of the school and for the Public Hospital by the older pupils.

The pastor of the church will preach a short sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Personal

L. A. Gregg left Sunday night for St. John, N.B.

Bert Russell has gone for a month's holiday to the coast.

G. English of the Whitelaw Co. is making a business trip down the C.N.R. line.

J. P. McMillan of Petrolia, Ont., who has spent several months at the home of his brother-in-law, H. J. Dawson, left for Ontario on Sunday. He expects to return some time before spring.

Miss Kitty Chadwin, who since the transfer of the Government to Edmonton, has been a popular member of the Education Department staff, expects to return to Regina about the first of the new year.

Mrs J. E. Wallbridge returned this week from a visit at the home of her father, Archibald Campbell, M.P., Toronto Junction.

James Elliott and family of Dauphin, Manitoba, have become citizens of Edmonton, and are living on Clark street.

Among those present at the opening of Queen's avenue Presbyterian church on Sunday was Rev. Wm. Simonds of Vermilion City.

Mrs Harcourt will receive at her home on Sixth street, second last house, west side between Peace and Athabasca Avenues, on the second and third Tuesdays of each month.

C. W. Westaway of the Massey-Harris Co. office, Calgary, was in the city the last of the week in connection with a case which the Company had at the High Court.

P. H. Scandon of the Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis Railway spent last week in town, making arrangements for the C.N.R. eastern excursions.

Among those who went east on Sunday night were: Dr. Whitelaw and family, for Guelph; Dr. Wilson for Toronto; James Huff and family for Chatham.

H. W. D. Armstrong, of the engineering staff of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, who has been making the city his headquarters for the past month, has during his visit renewed many acquaintanceships formed during earlier days spent in the West. Mr. Armstrong left for Montreal on Sunday night.

George Smith, a successful merchant of Camrose, who was in the city over Sunday. Great progress is being made by the new town out on the C.P.R. line from Wetaskiwin, according to Mr. Smith.

H. G. Brunton, representative of the Taylor Safe Works, Toronto, has been a welcome visitor to Edmonton for the past three weeks. Unfortunately Mr. Brunton was taken down with an attack of tonsillitis during his stay here.

A. Orr of McDougall & Secord's, has gone to spend Christmas at his home in Brantford. He was accompanied by Mrs. Orr.

Friends of W. Twyford will regret to learn that he is confined to the Sanitarium, suffering from pleurisy.

Angus B. MacKenzie, of Edmonton, and Arthur E. Shand, of Calgary, are announced to have passed the preliminary civil service examinations in November last.

R. P. Inglis is spending Christmas in Montreal.

Mrs Donald Macdonald has returned from the east accompanied by her nephew, Mr Herbert Ketchum, son of Judge Ketchum, Coburg.

C. F. Race of Port Hope, Ont., brother of C. E. Race of the staff of Alberta College, has arrived in the city to take a position with Revillon Brothers.

R. W. Manley, for some time past a student in the law office of O'Brien and Burgess at Wetaskiwin, has become a member of the office staff of J. E. Wallbridge, barrister, Edmonton.

A distinguished looking old gentleman was a guest at the Alberta hotel last week in the person of R. M. Brereton of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Brereton was in the city investigating the possibilities of gold mining on the Saskatchewan river.

Mr and Mrs E. W. Smith of Red Deer were in the city Sunday, having driven in from Lesser Slave Lake, where they have been spending four months with Inspector West of the R.N.W.M.P. They made the trip in eleven days.

Mrs. Kenneth's post nuptial reception took place on Thursday afternoon and evening of last week at her pretty home on Fifth street west. The parlor and dining room were tastefully decorated with roses, carnations and ferns. They are roomy and very comfortably furnished. Tea was poured by Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. McGibbon, assisted by Mrs. Blackett, Miss Lottie York and Miss Ferris. Miss Erma Blackett did the honors in the entrance hall in a pretty manner. During the afternoon and evening many ladies and gentlemen called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth in their new home.

Hon. Mr. Rutherford is the only member of the Cabinet who has been on duty at the Capital for the past week or so. Hon. Mr. Cross, accompanied by Mrs. Cross, is spending Christmas at his old home in the East, where he is also utilizing the opportunity to get into touch with the Attorney-General's department at Toronto, and that of the Minister of Justice at Ottawa. It is his intention to take a side trip to New York city. Hon. Mr. Cushing is also in Ontario and will stay there for Christmas. Hon. Dr. de Veber spent a few days here at the first of the month. The rumor is persistent in the southern part of the Province that Dr. de Veber will shortly be called to the Senate and that Mr. Wallace will take his place in the Provincial Cabinet.

About Town.

But little important business was transacted at the last meeting of the City Council beyond the appointment of R. Mays and D. G. Latta to fill the vacant posts at the board.

Householders are complaining of the difficulty they experience in securing a supply of milk. Milk delivering as a business, is, evidently all right in the summer time, but in the season of long nights those engaged in it are very apt to give it up and take some pleasanter occupation.

Next Friday evening the children of the Baptist Church give their Christmas entertainment, and an

excellent programme is being prepared.

The Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co. is being warmly congratulated on the excellent Christmas Number of Town Topics which has been issued this week. The Saturday News has a large supply on hand at its office in Room 7, Sandison Block. A complimentary copy will be given with each paid-up subscription to this paper.

The eastern excursions on both the railways have been exceptionally well patronized. The complaint is heard sometimes that these excursions are anything but a good thing for the country, in that they take a great many people to the east, where they spend their money instead of doing so out here. There may be something in this but there can be no doubt about their being a great benefit on the whole. Each person who goes back east acts as an immigration agent, and the average man or woman, will doubtless, during his visit, succeed in inducing some two or three others to come out and cast in their lot with the west.

Eastern Canada.

The Hon. R. L. Borden was banqueted at the King Edward hotel in Toronto last Thursday night by the Borden Club. Dr. Seccombe presided, and there was a large attendance. Mr. Borden spoke at length, but made no important announcement. He referred to the election in Saskatchewan, saying Mr. Haultain had made a great fight, no matter what the result might be.

It is officially announced that the government will hold an investigation into the affairs of the York County Loan Company.

Jos. Bennett, the Indian who murdered Betsy Jacobs, a squaw, on Oshwekan Indian reserve, near Brantford, suffered the full penalty of the law, hanging in the jailyard in Brantford on Friday morning. He walked perfectly steady to the drop. So far as can be learned he made no confession.

Three children, named Parent, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Scotstown, Quebec. Their parents escaped with three younger children. The ages of the victims were 11, 8 and 5.

A remarkable instance of the success of the work of the Ontario Experimental Union was incidentally brought out at the meeting of that body last week, during Professor Zavitz's explanation of the results of this year's experiments.

In 1889 Mr. Zavitz, acting for the union, brought to Guelph from Manchuria a handful of a variety of six-rowed barley, then grown there, called the Mandschuri. None of this meagre quantity was allowed to fall by the wayside, and each year's yield was so carefully husbanded and distributed that this year there were 500,000 acres of it grown in Ontario. This was not all, however, for this year's results were a yield of 37.7 bushels to the acre, compared with 34.3 bushels from Odehbrucker, a German variety, which came next in yield. It is thus evident that the introduction of this variety has brought more than a million dollars to Ontario farmers in one year.

Our Sale and Want Column



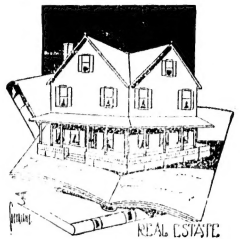
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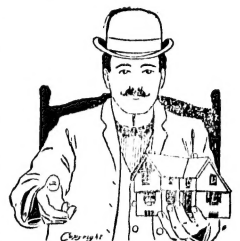
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NOW IS THE TIME

to do your Xmas Shopping, don't leave it off until the last moment. There are only 8 more shopping days till Xmas, and during those days we have prepared some Spicy Bargains for you.

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15c. 20c. 25c.

Fancy Ruching and Frillings per collar

10c.

Ladies' Irish Linen Hdkfs. small hem, in doz lots, per doz

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Fine French Kid, 2 domes tan and grey, well worth \$1

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Lined Mocha Gloves, lined fur taps

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20c. up

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Japanese Hdkf. Boxes

25c.

Edmonton Souvenir Pins

20c.

Fancy Blouse Silks

25c.

Fancy Blouse Silks

50c.

Fancy Blouse Silks

75c.

These have all been reduced for the Christmas Trade.

Leather Writing Cases, Work Baskets, Toilet and Manicure Sets. These goods are of a high quality and low in price. You should see them.

We are offering Big Reductions in all our Ladies' and Children's Coats.

HUDSON'S BAY STORES

In the Athletic World

Hockey

The first hockey match of the season will be played on Christmas Day in the "Thistle rink when Strathcona will face Edmonton. A last game is looked forward to as both teams have been doing some hard practising preparing for the game. Manager Griffith believes the home team to be greatly strengthened this season by the additional players who have come on, and careful attention has been given to select the best for this game, which is not a easy task on account of the large number to choose from. It is feared by some that personal feelings will crop up in connection with the selections. This would be a state of affairs greatly to be regretted. All that anyone should desire is that the best aggregation available should be placed on the ice. It is under circumstances like this that a man shows whether he is a good sport or not. The team

that plays the first game for the Capital will line up as follows:

Goal - H. Hilliwell
Point - W. Banford
Cover - R. Elliott
Rover - H. Deeton
Centre - W. Campbell
R. Wing - R. Armitage
L. Wing - R. Dolson

On New Year's Day the intermediate team will play in Calgary. The boys are in good shape and are putting up a fast game of hockey. The excursion leaves Edmonton December 30th by evening train. Any person wishing to accompany the team can secure single return fare by speaking to the manager.

Goal - W. Sutherland
Point - G. Haskell
Cover - R. Johnston
Rover - C. Govreau
Centre - C. Banford
R. Wing - O. Hetu
L. Wing - W. E. Clark

The trip of the Ottawa champion hockey team to Winnipeg is still hanging fire, and it is yet uncertain if this famous seven will be seen on Winnipeg ice as announced. The trouble is over the inability of Ottawa to keep up to their agreement of bringing five of their Stanley cup team, which they promised to do. The decision of McGee not to play hockey this season was the undoing of the project, as he was relied on to be the fifth man. However, arrangements are now being discussed between the Winnipeg club and Ottawa. President Ab. Smith, of the Winnipeggers, has received several wires in regard to it, but he won't divulge any of the news.

None of the Toronto O.H.A. senior teams are over strong this year. The Marlboros will have a hard task getting three players as fast as Young, Charlton and Armstrong. They were the backbone of the champions last year. The Saints do not look formidable. Webster will not be available, and there is a chance that Irvine, Ardagh and Hynes will not play. The Argos will have a strong defence, but a feeble forward division. — Toronto Globe

CURLING

Curling season has again opened, the membership being this year larger than ever. There are no less than 25 rinks in the draws for the Edmonton Brewing and Malt- ing Co.'s cup. It will not be played for until after Christmas. The skips for the various rinks this season are as follows:

H. A. Campbell T. G. Lauder
Thos. Bellamy A. Carmichael
W. A. Irwin G. J. Kennaird
Jas. Thom —Galbraith
A. C. Moor J. H. Morris
St. Geo. Jellett J. L. Studholme
E. C. Pardee W. G. Ibbotson
J. Ray R. Secord
T. Dewar S. Lowe
A. C. Fraser A. G. Harrison
Jas. Stovel B. Matz
J. B. Mercer J. E. Wize
J. McDonald

FOOTBALL

At the annual Rugby football match at Richmond, England, Cambridge University defeated Oxford by 15 to 13.

Speaking on football in Norwich Cathedral on a recent Sunday evening, Rev. T. C. Collings, himself a member of the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, said that two of the chief causes of physical deterioration of England were lack of opportunity of playing manly games, and want of exercise in the open air. This was, indeed, a matter of immense importance, and he always rejoiced when he learned that there were hundreds and thousands of people present at the various football matches on Saturday afternoons, when their working day was over, who, instead of spending their time at clubs of a very poor class; drinking bad beer, and possibly playing cards, saw a match, and went away healthily tired. To his knowledge many a poor woman and her family in the most poverty stricken districts of London had "beef and boots," and the husband a second suit of clothes since the football club had been started. Only the other day a Magistrate, who was a very large employer of labor in North London, confirmed this, and he was glad to be able to

appeal to religious people to encourage manly sport. As to football on Sunday, he saw no objection to individuals obtaining exercise and recreation in that way, but the strong stand of the professional teams and the Football Association would always prevent the entrance of Sunday playing as a regular custom among the teams.

The faculty athletic committee of the Stanford University of California has adopted a resolution decrying the evils of the present system of football playing in America. It recommended that the Rugby game be introduced as a substitute. In the same resolution this committee recommended that intercollegiate football contests shall no longer be held under the direction of the present rules committee which sits in the east each year.

The Australian cricket team's share of the gate in the test matches in England last summer was over £28,000.

Hackenstmidt, the giant Russian, and Madrali, the Turk, the king-pins of the wrestling game in England, are matched at last. They come together December 29, under catch-as-catch-can rules.

A half-mile track has been laid out on the Assiniboine east of First street in Brandon, which, when completed, will make a winter speedway it would be hard to improve on. The track will be about 100 feet wide and will leave room for driveways on either side. In order to avoid discomfort by varying winds, judges and starters stands will be erected at each end, so that the races may be run either east or west. An electric bell and wire are to be put in place for catching the time of the horses accurately.

The English Amateur Swimming Association has confirmed the disqualification of D. Billington, the champion, for taking part in France in a race open to professionals. The association also decided that a professional jockey could be an amateur swimmer.

Completely broken down mentally and physically, John Clarkson, once the leading pitcher in the National League, who has been a patient at a sanitarium in Flint, Mich., for nearly a year, was returned to his home in Bay City. There is no hope that his condition will improve. For the last few months his health has failed rapidly.

Wilfrid Forbes, barrister, of Wetaskiwin, is spending some weeks at his home in Stratford, Ontario.

M. McSwain, supt. of Agencies of the Federal Life Assurance Co. left for his home in Nelson this week.

Mr. J. Hansby accompanied by Mrs. Hansby leave on Wednesday next for Winnipeg on a holiday trip.

The marriage took place in St. George's church, Ottawa, on Thursday last of Miss Hilda Kathleen White, daughter of Colonel Fred White, comptroller of the Northwest Mounted Police, and Mrs. White, to her cousin, Mr. Percy White, of Portsmouth, England.

Plumbers and Steamfitters

A most enjoyable banquet held at the Pendennis.

The banquet given by the Local Union, 488, of Journeyman Plumbers and Steamfitters at the Pendennis hotel, was a very enjoyable one, and all of those who took advantage of the opportunity afforded for a social gathering of the craft were more than pleased with the good things placed before them by mine hosts Finch & Morton.

Following are the names of those present:—W. J. Carmichael, S. M. Morton, Digby Smith, Fred. Ross, T. S. Mattison, W. H. Gaul, G. F. McKnight, L. Baldwin, A. Clarke, L. J. Berry, Alf. J. Kemp, T. Templeman, J. P. Shore, J. A. Stocking, junr., P. Watson, R. Gibson, Mack McInnes, Thos. Fotheringham, J. R. Hunchback, Neil Forbes, Duncan Gray, Harry Nash, Harry Lautanman, E. Thursson, Chas. May, *Mayor elect*.

The toast list was as follows:—"King," Chairman A. J. Kemp. "City of — Mayor-elect, Edmonton," Chas. May. "Master — Fred Ross, Plumbers," J. Lockerie. "Craft," — E. A. Kemp.

Owing to the unavoidable and regretted absence of E. A. Kemp, J. A. Stocking, junr. was called on to reply to the toast of the craft, interspersing his remarks with quotations from Kipling.

The music furnished by mandoline and guitar in the hands of Messrs. McKnight and Baldwin, and the songs of Messrs. Kemp, Forbes and May were greatly appreciated.

The menu deserves to be reproduced. It was as follows:—

Soup
Consomme a la hot solder
Fish
Salmon, red lead sauce
Baked spuds a la drift plugs
Entree
Lobster salad a la Toronto Combine
Roasts
Turkey stuffed with waylaid fittings
Vegetables
Murphies Corn Peas
Dessert
Plum Pudding and wiped joints with rasp dressing
Ice cream and gasoline
Assorted cakes, half-and-half
Fruit Lock-nuts Coffee
Mineral water at the Bending Spring

About Town.

A large timber wolf outside McDougall & Secord's fur store collected a crowd on Saturday. It was killed by a settler in the Pembina district. It was a huge black animal, weighing probably 120 lbs. Only three in all were brought into Edmonton last year.

"The new wagon road from Edmonton to the Peace River country," said Paul Parais, resident engineer at Calgary of the Public Works department, in an interview with the Winnipeg Free Press, "is 425 miles in length. The last hundred miles of it is entirely through a bush country. The trees are willow, intermixed with birch and maple, and are mostly small size. We had four gangs of men working

on the road during the summer, with between 20 and 25 men in each camp. The traffic bridge across the Saskatchewan was begun in June and finished in October. The bridge is a steel superstructure resting on concrete piers. It cost \$86,000, and has been built most substantially.

Hon. Frank Oliver and Duncan Marshall returned to the city from Saskatchewan last week, both having taken prominent parts in the campaign there. Mr. Marshall's work, however, was interrupted by a serious illness which overtook him at Calgary. The Moosejaw Signal paid some attention to him after his first visit. When Mr. Marshall returned, he characterized the Signal's article as a tissue of lies. Every paragraph, he declared, was a slander, and the man who penned it a slanderer.

McIntosh & Campbell have transferred their stock of furniture from their old building to the spacious store in the Empire block. Clarke's Orchestra was present, and supplied excellent music on the firm's opening day.

Local fur dealers have received advices to buy cautiously, the troubles in Russia having had a serious effect on the market.

Officials of the Bell Telephone Co. arrived in Edmonton on Wednesday, to confer with the municipal authorities, with a view to co-operating with the city for a long distance service. To do so, the local system would have to be overhauled entirely.

The Edmonton Brewing and Malting Co. have received diplomas for the highest award of merit, at the Dominion Exhibition held in New Westminster this fall.

On Wednesday, a telegram was received by the Western Printing Co. from St. Paul, announcing the death of C. E. Moore of Alberta, and asking for information regarding him. His identity has not yet been determined.

The first member of the provincial legislature of Alberta to have his return gazetted is William Fletcher Brechin, whose election for Athabasca was unopposed. The official gazette containing the notice of his return was issued on Wednesday.

Augustus Fibiger, of the C.N.R. store, when in Winnipeg last week, was honoured by his former associates in that city. The employees of T. W. Taylor's bookbinding establishment, where he was for eight years finisher, waited upon him and presented him with an address and a gold-headed cane, suitably engraved, along with a handsome pipe. Mr. Fibiger made a suitable reply in which he expressed his regret at having to leave behind so many loyal friends. "He was very popular in the city," says the Telegram, and though just established in business in Edmonton he has made good progress.

The Saturday News would appreciate it very much if any readers who have items of news, particularly personal paragraphs, which they would like to have published, would forward them to the editorial office in Room 7 of the Sandison Block. A newspaper in the welfare of which its readers take a personal interest is very fortunate.

Peace River Election

Government has No Announcement yet to make regarding Results.

Lucien Dubuc, barrister, of Edmonton, returned to the city last week from his trip to the Peace River constituency, for the representation of which in the first legislature of Alberta he was a candidate. About the same time George McLeod, the returning officer, reached the city. Mr. Dubuc's friends claim his election over his opponent, J. K. Cornwall, by a large majority. But no particulars have yet been given to the public. The returning officer has made his report to the government and it will be considered by the members of the Administration. On enquiry at the Attorney-Generals department this morning it was found that no announcement was ready as yet. The polling in Peace River, it will be remembered, could not be held on the same date as throughout the rest of the Province and a postponement was necessary. For a time Mr. Dubuc and Mr. McLeod were thought to have lost their way and considerable alarm was felt for their safety. They, however, were in no danger at any time and had nothing worse to report than the delay in holding the election. Whether the contest, as conducted, was legal in its character will now have to be determined. In the meantime Mr. Dubuc and his friends are quite confident as to the result and a congratulatory supper was held at the Richelieu hotel on Monday night.

Some idea of the difficulties experienced in carrying on an election in such a constituency as Peace River may be gathered from the fact that Mr. McLeod had to travel 1150 miles and was away 58 days. To get around the country he at one time had to float down the Peace River on a raft. He met two parties of Grand Trunk surveyors and is convinced that the railway will go through the Pine River Pass.

A Terrible Death

A Settler contracts Typhoid from Neighbor and Wanders out on the Plain

On Wednesday last the body of M. Mayne, who lived near Radisson, Saskatchewan, was found in a bluff near that place. Mr. Mayne, who lived alone, had been nursing a settler who had typhoid fever and is supposed to have developed the same disease and to have left his house while in a delirious state. He had started without hat or coat and was within a quarter of a mile of a neighbor's house when he began travelling in a circle. After a while he struck out again but began circling once more and finally, apparently exhausted, had crawled into a bluff where his body was found.

Mr and Mrs H. V. Shaw leave Monday for their Christmas holidays in Lacombe.

A. Bonneau has returned to the city from an extended trip through British Columbia.

E. R. Peacock, well known to old students of Upper Canada college, where he was formerly a master, has been spending some days in the city.

Real Estate News

After a most active period extending over five or six weeks, the real estate market has settled down somewhat during the last few days. Doubtless the lull is due to the approach of Christmas. Several of those who have been most largely responsible for the recent excitement have gone to spend the holidays elsewhere and with the new year we shall probably begin to hear once more of big deals being projected and consummated. Property has certainly been going at high prices but there is every reason to believe that it will go still higher. The recent bank and hotel purchases show the confidence which men, who are in an excellent position to form an opinion, have in the future of the city. At the end of last week an announcement that another big hotel property had changed hands was looked for, but nothing up to the present has come of it and is not likely for some weeks at least. The transfer of the Great West Implement Company's property is believed by some to have some connection with these negotiations. George E. Handley is announced as the purchaser of this property and the figure is said to be the highest yet paid for Edmonton real estate. The actual amount, however, is kept in the dark. According to street rumor, a company of Minneapolis capitalists are at the back of the deal. They propose, it is said, to erect a fine hotel and office building. The Company's premises are situated at the corner of Fraser Avenue and Rice Street.

The lot next to the National Trust Company, facing on First Street, was sold on Wednesday for a large figure. Neither the name of the purchaser nor the amount paid has been announced. Rolfe and Kenwood negotiated the sale. This firm has also disposed within the past week of fifty acres inside the city limits for \$20,000. Forty-nine lots of the King Powell estate have changed hands, good prices being obtained.

Among the guests at the Windsor is D. J. Goggin, now of Toronto, but formerly superintendent of Education for the Northwest. He is on his way through to the coast.

Hon. W. T. Findlay, Minister of Agriculture, arrived in the city on Wednesday night from Medicine Hat. He is at the Windsor.

H. A. Allison of Calgary is at the Alberta.

M. E. S. Estlin, C.N.R. bridge contractor, has left for holidays in Winnipeg. Chas Sharp has taken up his work.

J. B. Walker, agent for the Canadian Life, leaves this week for a visit to the east.

F. Wilber and J. A. Burkeholder leave Monday for a trip through the States.

Marriage

AYLESWORTH—YOUNG—At the Parsonage, December 20th, by the Rev. C. H. Hnestis, Walter Lavatte Aylsworth, of Edmonton to Miss May B. Young, of Vancouver, B.C.

ROOMS TO RENT—2 Rooms on Kinistnoy avenue, near Edmonton Bottling Works. Apply R. S. Paskins.